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√- CROSS-REFERENCES TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is related to the following co-pending applications, each of which is incorporated by reference as if set forth in full in this application:

U.S. Patent Application entitled "System-Wide Optimization Integration Model" (020897-000110US) filed on October 12, 2001, Serial No. 09/976,368; U.S. Patent Application entitled "Multi-Platform Optimization Model" (020897-000120US) filed on October 12, 2001, Serial No. 09/976,518; and, U.S. Patent Application entitled "Application Program Interface for Optimization Model" (020897-000140US) filed on October 26, 2001, Serial No. 10/055,404.\(\varphi\)

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 415-576-0200.

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